

## Bellevue Essentials Leadership Class



### Recruitment Open House

*May 14, 6-7pm,*

*City Hall 1E-108*

If you have an interest in learning more about your

city, you are invited to join the second annual Bellevue Essentials leadership class. An Open House to learn more about the eight-week leadership class will be held Wednesday, May 14, 6-7pm at City Hall, room 1E-108. The class is designed to provide a general overview of the inner workings of Bellevue. New neighborhood leaders are especially encouraged to participate. Neighborhood associations should also consider sending a participant who may serve in a future leadership role in the association.

Classes begin on Sept. 18, with eight weekly Thursday evening sessions and a Saturday tour day, scheduled for September 27. The program is designed to help participants understand the structure and operations of City government in many arenas. Participants will learn with key City staff, neighborhood leaders, decision makers, elected officials and community leaders.

Sessions topics include demographics, neighborhoods, parks and community services, planning, budget, transportation, arts, environmental stewardship, utilities and economic development. A variety of learning tools, including speakers, panels, interactive exercises, site visits and networking

opportunities will provide an interesting and dynamic learning environment.

Bellevue Essentials is open to anyone who lives or works in Bellevue, but will give preference to residents. Class size will be limited to 30 participants to ensure a quality experience.

Bellevue Essentials tuition is \$95 per participant, with financial assistance available. Tuition includes all classes, materials and a light meal at each session. Applications are due by July 15. For more information or to request a simple one-page application, please contact Julie Ellenhorn, Neighborhood Outreach, 425-452-5372 or [jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov).

## Neighborhood Association Registration and Neighborhood Organizing Guide

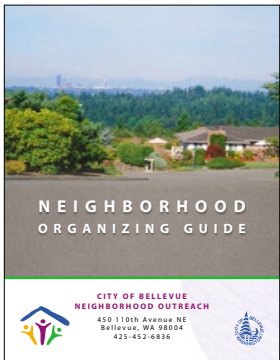
We want to make sure we are reaching you! If you are an association leader, please register your neighborhood association or community club with the City of Bellevue. Providing current contact information on an annual basis assures that your residents don't miss out on any of our many neighborhood events, forums and trainings. Be sure that the person you list as your communications contact is someone who can disseminate information to your neighborhood on a regular basis.



Many thanks to all the volunteers who keep the 25 associations that have registered this

Spring active! Bellacere, Bellecrest, Bridle Trails, Brookwood, Fairmont, Horizon Crest, Horizon View, Lake Heights, Lake Hills, Lake Lanes, Lakemont, Lakemont Highlands, Meydenbauer Bay, Monthaven, Pembroke Meadows, Rockwood, Sammamish Heights, Sherwood Forest, Somerset, Somerset West, Sunset, Sunset Ranch, Vuecrest, Vuemont Meadows and Woodridge.

If your group is not on the list, please visit [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Neighborhoods/mc325A\\_NA\\_Registration\\_WEB.pdf](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Neighborhoods/mc325A_NA_Registration_WEB.pdf). Fill out and return the form and join the ranks of Bellevue Neighborhood Associations and Community Clubs.



If you need help with organizing your neighborhood group, the new Neighborhood Organizing Guide will provide valuable resources for you and your community. The Guide is available now

on our website [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Neighborhoods/mc382A\\_Neighborhood\\_Organizing\\_Guide\\_WEB.pdf](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Neighborhoods/mc382A_Neighborhood_Organizing_Guide_WEB.pdf). It includes information on forming a core group, organizing effective meetings, choosing officers, membership recruitment, bylaws and more. Great for new associations or as a refresher for all associations!

## New Clinic Comes to Bellevue and Medicaid Enrollment Opportunity at Mini City Hall

A new International Community Health Services (ICHS) clinic will be opening in Bellevue on May 1, 2014, giving people another option for quality and affordable health care, as the Medicaid enrollment partnership continues to serve Bellevue residents at the Bellevue Mini City Hall (MCH).

Since last October, in partnership between Bellevue MCH and ICHS, outreach and enrollment services have been provided for residents, including those



who have limited English skills. While the open enrollment period ended on March for the qualified health plans on the health benefits exchange, Medicaid enrollment does not end. ICHS and MCH will continue to provide in personal support for Medicaid enrollment at the Crossroads Shopping Center where MCH is located. Vietnamese/English support is available every Monday from 1pm to 5pm and Punjabi/English support is available every Wednesday from 1 to 5pm. Interpretation for other languages is also available.

Located at 1050 140th Ave NE, the new clinic facility will have 10 medical exam rooms and eight dental chairs which are projected to serve 10,000 patients each year. Staff at the clinic speaks many different languages besides English. The center provides interpretation services in languages that are not spoken by its staff. Most insurance plans are accepted. For the uninsured, there is a sliding fee scale and people are asked to pay a percentage of their bill based on their income.

For more information about the new International Community Health Services Bellevue Medical and Dental Clinic, and the services provided, please call 425-373-3000. If you need help with your Medicaid enrollment, please contact the MCH at 425-452-2800 to learn more about the process and to book your appointment.





## Neighbors Needed to Solarize Bellevue this Summer

### Solarize U Training

*May 13, 6-9pm,*

*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center*



Looking to take green living in Bellevue to the next step this summer?

Have you heard about solar energy, but want to know more about the technology, costs and benefits before investing? An upcoming training opportunity hosted by the Solarize Bellevue Program, in partnership between City of Bellevue and the Pacific Northwest Pollution Prevention Resource Center, is your chance to learn about the advantage and ease of generating your own power – and help your community get involved.

Solarize Bellevue is a solar purchasing program that achieves cost savings and streamlined installation processes by pooling buyers to make a collective “bulk buy”. Pre-selected contractors provide free home assessments, answer questions, and ensure that the best possible financing options are obtained. The program is available for a limited time only, through early 2015, and available to Bellevue homeowners and businesses. Other similar programs have been widely successful across the state and country- including Seattle, Snohomish County, Portland and New York, with savings of as much as 20% when compared to acquiring solar systems independently.

Solarize Bellevue is also actively recruiting residents to serve on the program’s steering

committee this spring. All interested parties are encouraged to attend the upcoming Solarize U training at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center on May 13, 6-9pm. The program is also interested in hearing from all residents and businesses who may be interested buyers of solar systems, helping to reach the program goal of 25 new solar installations by 2015. Additional trainings for interested buyers will be held throughout 2014. To express your interest in participating on the program’s steering committee or purchasing solar, please email Paula Del Giudice of the Pacific Northwest Pollution Prevention Resource Center (PPRC) at [PDelGiudice@pprc.org](mailto:PDelGiudice@pprc.org). More information about this and other programs is available online at [www.GreenWA.org](http://www.GreenWA.org).

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### Neighbor Link – “Green-Clean Up”

What could you and your neighbors do in a day to improve the “green” appearance of your neighborhood? The Neighbor Link – Green-Clean Up is designed to promote weekend large scale green debris clean-ups of residential single family homes, surrounding lawn and sidewalk areas, with a city sponsored dumpster placed in your neighborhood for a weekend. In addition to the benefits of an improved neighborhood appearance, clean-ups provide an opportunity for neighbors to get to know each other by working together towards a common goal, learn about property and landscape maintenance and better understand the city’s code compliance.

The program will run from June-Oct and is limited to 10 total neighborhood events. The program is designed by the neighborhood,



with a minimum participation of 25 or more residents or 10 homes, and requires an application. Dumpster placement must meet review and safety criteria of Neighborhood Outreach and the Transportation Department. Please contact Carol Ross in Neighborhood Outreach at 425-452-7917 or [cross@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:cross@bellevuewa.gov) for more information.

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## **“Day of Sharing and Caring” – In its Seventh Year**



Residents in need of outside home maintenance and repair can apply for help from a team of volunteers who will tackle outside improvements on some 20 Bellevue homes, including repair, painting, deck replacement, yard work and carport cleanup. The “Day of Sharing and Caring” now in its’ seventh year, is a partnership of the City of Bellevue and Jubilee Reach, a Bellevue-based nonprofit.

“A Day of Sharing and Caring,” is scheduled for Aug. 23. In order to be considered you must own and occupy your home in Bellevue.



Home selection is need-based; residents facing economic or other

life challenges are encouraged to apply by May 26. Bellevue residents can request an application by contacting Gary King, at 206-419-5238 or [garyk@jubileereach.org](mailto:garyk@jubileereach.org). A committee representing Jubilee Reach will review applications and select projects. Residents whose projects are selected will be notified by July 21.

While you may not require these services, perhaps there is a neighbor you know who does need help. Consider assisting them with an application and gather to volunteer as a neighborhood on that day.



In addition to projects for needy homeowners, past Jubilee efforts have included placing volunteers in schools, to assist teachers preparing for the new school year, and in Bellevue parks, to help with maintenance and restoration.

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## **Your Input Needed for Newport Shores Flood Reduction Projects**

***May 12, 7-9pm,***

***Newport Shores Yacht Club***

The City is hosting a Public Forum on Monday, May 12, 7-9pm at the Newport Shores Yacht Club at 81 Skagit Key to discuss potential solutions to reduce flood risk in



the Newport Shores neighborhood. Over the past few months, the city and a team of consultants have analyzed the existing stream flow and storm water conditions related to Lower Coal Creek and identified potential flood reduction solutions. The City would like to hear from the public about the options being considered. Come to the Forum and share your views with city staff about their proposed projects. For more information about the projects, please contact Brian Ward, Utilities Project Manager at 425-452-5206.

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## TRAFFIC CORNER

### Coal Creek Parkway Reduced to One Lane in each Direction for Approximately Four Months

Olympic Pipeline has completed their relocation work, and on Monday evening, April 28, the City of Bellevue shifted traffic to the south side of Coal Creek Parkway, between Forest Drive SE and SE 60th St, as Phase II begins on the Coal Creek Parkway Bridge.

One lane in each direction will remain open until October, and the speed limit will be 25 mph through the work zone.

The city will begin work to build the second half of a new bridge on Coal Creek Parkway to replace a 45-year-old culvert. The project also includes a pedestrian pathway that will run underneath the bridge and connect to the Coal Creek trail and creek restoration to improve salmon migration. Visit [www.bellevuewa.gov/coalcreekbridge.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/coalcreekbridge.htm) for more details.

The city realizes that reducing Coal Creek Parkway to one lane in each direction is going to be challenging and may cause significant traffic delays, especially during peak commute times. At times, it may be faster to use an alternate route. As always, drivers and bicyclists should be extra cautious when moving through the construction zone.

### Roadway Construction Starts Again on Stage 1 of 120th Ave NE between NE 4th & NE 8th St

Since December, this project has been in a winter shutdown. On May 5, construction is going

to resume on the widening of 120th Ave NE between NE 4th and NE 8th St to five lanes. There will also be a new traffic signal at NE 6th Street and new bike lanes and sidewalks. Drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians should be cautious as they move through the construction zone. This project is expected to continue until September.

### Expect the Unexpected on Bellevue Way

Utility work begins on Bellevue Way starting Monday, May 12 through Friday, May 23. Unfortunately, this means that Bellevue Way will be closed completely, 24/7, between NE 4th and NE 6th Streets. This work is necessary to meet the growing demands of downtown Bellevue over the next couple of years. It's important to note that the Lincoln Square Expansion is one of the first development projects with construction impacts this season.

Before the closure, drivers will encounter lane closures in both directions on Bellevue Way between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday to prepare for the utility work mid-May.

This work is being closely coordinated with the Kemper Development Company, who is expanding Lincoln Square over the next couple of years to bring new retail, business offices, services and residential to downtown Bellevue by 2017. For updates, questions or concerns, please visit the website: [www.lincolnsquareexpansion.com](http://www.lincolnsquareexpansion.com)



## May Meetings

*(All meetings are in City Hall unless otherwise noted. Agendas are subject to change. You may confirm with Neighborhood Outreach the day before or day of the meeting. Or consult the City web pages listed below to download agendas.)*

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**5/1 Bellevue Network on Aging** (8:30-10:30 am., 1E-120) Downtown Transportation, Committee Reports  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network\\_on\\_aging.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm)

**5/5 City Council** (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Economic Development, Update on Tourism by Visit Bellevue Washington (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Proclamations, Library Board Appointments, Consent Calendar, Public hearing on Shoreline Master Program (SMP), Odle Middle School Conditional Use Permit (CUP), Bellevue Arts Museum (BAM) temporary construction easement  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**5/6 East Bellevue Community Council** (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.) Odle Middle School and a design review application at Kelsey Creek.  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC\\_Homepage.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm)

**5/6 Human Services Commission** (6:30, 1E-108) Initial Review of Human Services Applications  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm)

**5/6 Arts Commission** (4:30, 1E-109) Cultural Compass focus group reports, East Link art, Commission officer elections  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm)

**5/7 Joint Commissions** (6:30-10pm, 1E-108) Joint Commissions meeting  
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail-permitting-cac.htm>

**5/7 East Link Permitting CAC** (3:00-5:00p.m., 1E-113) Review of the Sound Transit permit application for the Bel-Red Segment, from 124th Street to NE 20th Street, including 130th Station  
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail-permitting-cac.htm>

**5/8 Special Events Committee** (8:30 -10:30 a.m. City Hall, 1E-118) Agenda to be determined.  
[http://bellevuewa.gov/special\\_events\\_committee.htm](http://bellevuewa.gov/special_events_committee.htm)

**5/8 Transportation Commission** (6:30, 1E-113) Transit Master Plan recommendations; Comprehensive Plan Update – Transportation Element recommendations  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm)

**5/10 Arts Commission Cultural Compass Focus Group** (11:30-1:30, Crossroads Shopping Center Community Room)  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/cultural\\_compass.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/cultural_compass.htm)

**5/12 City Council City Council** (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Application for Public Works Trust Fund Loan for NE 4th Street Project, Public Hearing on Recreational Marijuana Regulations, SMP Discussion, Budget Discussion on Capital Funding Options, Initiate Land Use Code Actions on NE 4th Street  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**5/13 Parks & Community Services Board** (6:00, South Bellevue Community Center) Agenda items – tour and program overview of South Bellevue Community Center, and Comprehensive Plan Update  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks\\_board.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm)

**5/14 Planning Commission** (6:30, 1E-113) Annual Comprehensive Plan amendments public hearing, Comprehensive Plan Update, Eastgate Plan  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning\\_commission.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm)

**5/15 Environmental Services Commission** (6:30, 1E-113) Utilities Budget Proposals & Water Cost of Service Results  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro_serv_comm.htm)

**5/20 Human Services Commission** (6:30, 1E-120) Initial Review of Human Services Applications  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm)

**5/19 City Council** (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Transit Master Plan Report, Sound Transit Operations and Maintenance Satellite Facility (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar, First of Three Public Hearings on Operating and Capital Budgets  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**5/20 Library Commission** (5:00 p.m. Bellevue Library 1111 110th Ave. NE Bellevue, WA 98004) Preview of King County Library System 2014 Summer Learning Program & election of new officers  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/library\\_board.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/library_board.htm)

**5/21 East Link Permitting CAC** (3:00-5:00p.m., 1E-113) Review of the Sound Transit permit application for the Bel-Red Segment, from 124th Street to NE 20th Street, including 130th Station  
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail-permitting-cac.htm>

**5/21 Downtown Livability Advisory Committee** (6:30, 1E-108) Design Guidelines, Building Height & Form, Downtown Parking  
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/downtown-livability.htm>

**5/28 Planning Commission** (6:30, 1E-113) Single Family Rental Housing code amendments, Comprehensive Plan Update  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning\\_commission.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm)

**5/29 Environmental Services Commission** (6:30, 1E-113) Utilities Budget Proposals  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro_serv_comm.htm)

**5/27 City Council** (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) SMP Discussion, Regional Issues, East Link Monthly Update  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

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